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SUBJECT: CARICOM JONT LIST OF PRODUCTS FOR PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT

REF: GEORGETOWN 1669

1. CARICOM SECRETARIAT PRESENTED EMBASSY WITH SIX COPIES OF NEWLY REVISED CARICOM GSP LIST. LIST SUBMITTED UNDER COVER OF LETTER TO AMBASSADOR FROM CARICOM SECGEN MCINTRYE IN WHICH MCINTRYE NOTED SEVERAL OBJECTIONS TO TRA PROVISIONS. MCINTYRE DRAWS PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO SENATE BILL PROVISION WHICH REQUIRES FIFTY PERCENT LOCAL VALUE ADDED FOR GOODS IMPORTED FROM REGIONAL TRADE AREAS. HE ALSO STATES THAT US DOLS 25 MILLION 50 PERCENT LIMITATION AS APPLIED TO ECONOMIC GROUPINGS IS "NOT IN KEEPING WITH RESOLUTION 48 (III) ADOPTED WITHOUT DISSENT BY (UNCTAD III)." AS WOULD BE EXPECTED, CARICOM ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT CARTEL AND NATIONALIZATION CLAUSES OF SENATE BILL.

2. MCINTYRE REQUESTS ON BEHALF OF CARICOM MEMBER STATES THAT

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SECRETARIAT BE DESIGNATED QUOTE INITIAL POINT OF CONTACT UNQUOTE

BETWEEN USG AND MEMBER STATES OF CARICOM. FYI. WE BELIEVE PRECEDENT FOR THIS ALREADY SET BY RECENT VISITS OF SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL (ODLE TO WASHINGTON REGARDING DETAILS OF GSP. MOREOVER, EMBASSY HAS RELAYED DEPT INFO DIRECTLY TO SECRETARIAT REGARDING VISITS AS WELL AS OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO GSP. SECRETARIAT NOW HAS FORMAL APPROVAL OF CARICOM MEMBERS TO ACT AS PRIMARY CONTACT POINT. END FYI.

3. ECONOFF DISCUSSED POINTS WITH ODLE (WHO DRAFTED LETTER) AND SUGGESTED EMBASSY REPLY AFTER PASSAGE FINAL LEGISLATION WHICH IS IMMINENT. ODLE AGREED AND ADDED CARICOM ONLY ANTED TO GO ON RECORD POINTING OUT WHAT IT AND MEMBER STATES BELIEVE ARE BILL'S DEFICIENCIES. ODLE HAD EARLIER EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR COURTESIES EXTENDED TO HIM DURING VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND HOPED WE CAN CONTINUE USEFUL DIALOGUE AS REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO LEGISLATION ARE FORMULATED.

4. EMBASSY POUCHING FIVE COPIES LIST TO DEPT TODAY 12/19 ALONG WITH COPY MCINTYRE LETTER ATTENTION MIKE DAVILA ARA/ECP. ALSO SENDING COPIES TO INFO POSTS.

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